

REMARKS

The following remarks, taken together with the claim amendments listed herein, are provided in response to the Advisory Action dated May 20, 2009, which was received in response to Applicant's response filed April 16, 2009. The shortened statutory period for response expired on April 16, 2009. Accordingly, Applicant petitions herewith for a two-month extension of time.

In the present response, Applicant has proposed amending the pending claims. In addition, Applicant submits the following remarks wherein the Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has maintained his rejection of Applicant's pending claims 15-17, 19-22, 25-27 and 29-32, alleging that implementation of the claimed methods at least "partially" on a computer system renders the claims unpatentable under the statutory provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, and solely to advance prosecution of the claimed invention, Applicant has proposed further amending the relevant claims, as reflected under the heading "Listing of Claims" beginning on page 2 of this paper, to more clearly identify the statutory class of the claimed invention. Support for these amendments can be found in the detailed description of Applicants' claimed invention, particularly in conjunction with the descriptions of system 100 and computer 200.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that rejection of the foregoing claims under the statutory provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, currently amended claim 15, including claims 16-17 and 19-22 which depend therefrom, currently amended claim 25, including claims 26-27 and 29-32 which depend therefrom, and previously presented Beauregard claims 57 and 58, the limitations of which mirror, respectively, the limitations of currently amended independent claims 15 and 25,


are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this patent application are respectfully requested.

If it will advance the prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is urged to telephone (973.597.6326) Applicant's undersigned representative. All written communications should continue to be sent to the address provided below.

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